Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1.   (Withdrawn/Currently Amended) A method for adjusting a brightness of a ~~liquid crystal~~ display screen of a system, the method comprising:

determining whether there are user signal inputs;

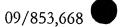switching the system into an IDLE mode if there are no user signal inputs;

determining ~~central processing~~ processor unit usage <u>indicative of whether certain display related processes are running</u> when in the IDLE mode; and

adjusting the brightness of the ~~liquid crystal~~ display screen when in the IDLE mode based on ~~central processing~~ processor unit usage.

2.   (Withdrawn/Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein <u>determining</u> ~~central~~ processor unit usage comprises determining a content of a registry of an operating system of the system.

3.   (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 2, wherein the registry comprises HKEY_DYN_DATA\PerfStats\StatData.

4.   (Withdrawn/Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein [[the]] determining ~~central~~ processor unit usage [[step]] comprises retrieving a keyword from an operating system that appears when a video file is read by the system.

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5.   (Withdrawn/Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein [[the]] determining ~~central~~ processor unit usage [[step]] comprises measuring a ~~central~~ processor usage amount, and reducing the brightness of the liquid crystal display screen if the ~~central~~ processor usage amount is below a threshold value.

6.   (Withdrawn/Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein [[the]] determining ~~central~~ processor unit usage [[step]] comprises determining whether the ~~liquid crystal~~ display screen is displaying a movie.

7.   (Withdrawn/Currently Amended) The method according to claim 6, wherein [[the]] determining whether the display screen is displaying a movie [[step]] comprises determining whether a memory device connected to the ~~central~~ ~~processing~~ processor unit is operating.

8.   (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 7, wherein the memory device comprises a hard disk.

9.   (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 7, wherein the memory device comprises a CD-ROM.

10.   (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 7, wherein the memory device comprises a DVD.

11.   (Withdrawn/Currently Amended) The method according to claim 6, wherein the brightness of the ~~liquid crystal~~ display screen is reduced if the liquid crystal display screen is not displaying a movie.

12.   (Withdrawn/Currently Amended) The method according to claim 6, wherein the brightness of the ~~liquid crystal~~ display screen is maintained if the ~~liquid crystal~~ display screen is displaying a movie.

13.   (Withdrawn/Currently Amended) A method for reducing electrical power consumed by a ~~central processing~~ processor unit controlled display screen, the method comprising:

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determining ~~central processing~~ processor unit activity <u>indicative of whether certain display related processes are running</u>; and

dimming a brightness of the display screen when the ~~central processing~~ processor unit activity falls below a minimum threshold.

14.   (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium having stored thereon a sequence of instructions which, when executed by a processor, cause the processor to perform the steps of:
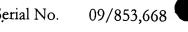
monitoring a system [[for]] <u>to determine whether</u> certain display related processes <u>are running</u>;

maintaining the brightness of a display if the certain display related processes are

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running; and

reducing the brightness of a display if the certain display related processes are not running.

15.   (Original) The computer readable medium of claim 14, wherein the system is a computer.

16.   (Original) The computer readable medium of claim 14, wherein the display is a liquid crystal display screen.

17.   (Currently Amended) The computer readable medium of claim 14, further comprising: having stored thereon a sequence of instructions which, when executed by a processor, cause the processor to perform the step of monitoring for user input signals.

18.   (Currently Amended) The computer readable medium of claim 14, further comprising having stored thereon a sequence of instructions which, when executed by a processor, cause the processor to perform the step of determining whether the system is powered by an internal power source.

19.   (Withdrawn/Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of claim 14, wherein the monitoring step comprises determining a central processor unit usage amount, and comparing said central processor unit usage amount against a reference amount.

20.   (Withdrawn) The computer-readable medium of claim 19, wherein the reference amount is controllably variable.

21.   (Withdrawn/Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of claim 19, wherein determining a ~~central~~ processor unit usage amount comprises determining information contained in a registry.

22.   (Withdrawn) The computer-readable medium of claim 21, wherein the registry comprises HKEY_DYN_DATA\PerfStats\StatData.

23.   (Withdrawn) The computer-readable medium of claim 14, wherein the monitoring step comprises determining whether a video process related keyword is contained in the currently operating process.

24.   (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of claim 14, wherein [[the]] monitoring [[step]] for user input signals comprises determining whether a video process related device is in use.

25.   (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 24, wherein the video process related device comprises a readable-and-writeable memory device.

26.   (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 24, wherein the video process related device comprises a read-only memory device.

27.   (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 25, wherein the read-only memory device comprises a CD-ROM.

28.   (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 25, wherein the read-only memory device comprises a DVD.

29.   (Withdrawn) The computer-readable medium of claim 24, wherein the video process related device comprises a modem.

30.   (Withdrawn/Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of claim 14, wherein the monitoring step comprises:

determining a ~~central~~ processor unit usage amount and comparing said ~~central~~ processor unit usage amount against a reference amount[[,]];

determining whether a video process related keyword is contained in the currently operating process[[,]]; and

determining whether a video process related device is in use.

31.   (Withdrawn/Currently Amended) An apparatus for reducing electrical power consumed by a ~~central~~ ~~processing~~ processor unit controlled display screen, the apparatus comprising:

means for determining ~~central~~ processor unit activity <u>indicative of whether certain display related processes are running</u>; and

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means for dimming a brightness of the display screen when the ~~central processing~~ processor unit activity falls below a minimum threshold.

32.   (Currently Amended) An apparatus, ~~for reducing the brightness of a display screen in a system in the absence of certain display related processes, the apparatus~~ comprising:

means for monitoring a system [[for]] <u>to determine whether</u> certain display related processes <u>are running</u>;

means for maintaining the brightness of a display if certain display related processes are running; and

means for reducing the brightness of a display if certain display related processes are not running.

33.   (Currently Amended) A method for adjusting a brightness of a display screen of a system, the method comprising:

monitoring the system [[for]] <u>to determine whether</u> display related processes <u>are running</u>;

maintaining the brightness of a display if display related processes are running; and

reducing the brightness of a display if display related processes are not running.

34.   (Original) The method according to claim 33, wherein the system is a computer.

35.   (Original) The method according to claim 33, wherein the display is a liquid crystal display screen.

36. (Original) The method according to claim 33, further comprising: monitoring for user input signals.

37. (Original) The method according to claim 33, further comprising: determining whether the system is powered by an internal power source.

38. (Withdrawn/Currently Amended) The method according to claim 33, wherein [[the]] monitoring [[step]] the system for display related processes comprises determining a ~~central~~ processor unit usage amount, and comparing said ~~central~~ processor unit usage amount against a reference amount.

39. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 38, wherein the reference amount is controllably variable.

40. (Withdrawn/Currently Amended) The method according to claim 38, wherein determining a ~~central~~ processor unit usage amount comprises determining information contained in a registry.

41. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 40, wherein the registry comprises HKEY_DYN_DATA\PerfStats\StatData.

42. (Withdrawn/Currently Amended) The method according to claim 33, wherein [[the]] monitoring [[step]] the system for display related processes comprises determining whether a video process related keyword is contained in the currently operating process.

43. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 33, wherein [[the]] monitoring [[step]] the system for display related processes comprises determining whether a video process related device is in use.

44. (Original) The method according to claim 43, wherein the video process related device comprises a readable-and-writeable memory device.

45. (Original) The method according to claim 43, wherein the video process related device comprises a read-only memory device.

46. (Original) The method according to claim 45, wherein the read only memory device comprises a CD-ROM.

47. (Original) The method according to claim 45, wherein the read-only memory device comprises a DVD.

48. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 43, wherein the video process related device comprises a modem.

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49.   (Withdrawn/Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of claim 33, wherein [[the]] monitoring [[step]] the system for display related processes comprises:

determining a ~~central~~ processor unit usage amount and comparing said ~~central~~ processor unit usage amount against a reference amount[[,]];

determining whether a video process related keyword is contained in the currently operating process[[,]]; and

determining whether a video process related device is in use.

50.   (New) The method according to claim 1, wherein the display is a liquid crystal display screen.

51.   (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the display related processes include at least one of:

playing a CD-ROM;

playing a DVD;

playing a MPEG file; or

playing a video file.

52.   (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the display related processes do not include user inputs via a mouse or a keyboard.

53.   (New) The method of claim 13, wherein the display related processes include at least one of:

    playing a CD-ROM;

    playing a DVD;

    playing a MPEG file; or

    playing a video file.

54.   (New) The method of claims 13, wherein the display related processes do not include user inputs via a mouse or a keyboard.

55.   (New) The computer-readable medium of claim 14, wherein the display related processes include at least one of:

    playing a CD-ROM;

    playing a DVD;

    playing a MPEG file; or

    playing a video file.

56.   (New) The computer-readable medium of claim 14, wherein the display related processes do not include user inputs via a mouse or a keyboard.

57.   (New) The apparatus of claim 31, wherein the display related processes include at least one of:

    playing a CD-ROM;

    playing a DVD;

    playing a MPEG file; or

    playing a video file.

58.   (New) The apparatus of claim 31, wherein the display related processes do not include user inputs via a mouse or a keyboard.

59.   (New) The apparatus of claim 32, wherein the display related processes include at least one of:

    playing a CD-ROM;

    playing a DVD;

    playing a MPEG file; or

    playing a video file.

60.   (New) The apparatus of claim 32, wherein the display related processes do not include user inputs via a mouse or a keyboard.

61.   (New) The method of claim 33, wherein the display related processes include at least one of:

        playing a CD-ROM;

        playing a DVD;

        playing a MPEG file; or

        playing a video file.

62.   (New) The method of claim 33, wherein the display related processes do not include user inputs via a mouse or a keyboard.